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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 428 By Hagood

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Mr. David H. Levy for his 51 years of meritorious service for Beltone Electronic Corporation of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have worked assiduously and without thought of personal gain to ensure that adequate services are available and provided to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, David Levy, a committed and dedicated Audiologist and Hearing Aid

Dispenser who, by virtue of his many valuable contributions to individuals who are hearingimpaired, is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Beltone Electronic Corporation was established by his father, Melvin A
Levy, in 1949; David Levy is a second generation owner of the oldest hearing aid dealership in
East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Exhibiting uncommon diligence and compassion in service of the hearing impaired population, David Levy unselfishly provided over 100,000 free electronic hearing

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evaluations and has served over 20,000 hearing-impaired individuals with hearing instruments; and

WHEREAS, Hearing is an essential sense to preserve and maintain; David Levy's countless hours of hard work led to the establishment of hearing tests in almost all of the county schools in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, A man true to his profession, David Levy dedicated himself to establishing state and national educational and legal requirements for hearing instrument specialists; and

WHEREAS, He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and has also earned a Master's in Audiology from that fine institution; and

WHEREAS, David Levy has been a devoted member of several Governor-appointed boards and councils: he served as a member of the Licensing Hearing Aid Dispensers for two terms, as a member of the Council of Hearing Instrument Specialists, and as a member of the Board of Governors of the International Hearing Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his numerous board commitments, Mr. Levy has contributed his time as a Board Certified member of the International Hearing Society, as a certified member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and as a member of the Audiological Resource Association; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding gentleman has provided a wealth of knowledge and sagacious advice, and his expertise as a hearing aid dispenser improved the quality of hearing for many hearing-impaired persons; and

WHEREAS, A man who exhibits tremendous compassion and love for his profession,

David Levy exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true service provider;

and

WHEREAS, A champion of the hearing-impaired, he demonstrates the highest ideals of an accomplished Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispenser; and

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WHEREAS, By means of his incomparable endeavors in providing services for individuals with a hearing impairment, David Levy has successfully endeavored to assist the hearing-impaired population gain access to language and communication; and

WHEREAS, Through his untiring commitment of time and talent, David Levy has distinguished himself as a paragon in his profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. David Levy and his company upon 51 years of meritorious service to the hearing-impaired population, salute his distinguished and productive tenure as an outstanding service provider, and extend to Mr. Levy our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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